



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Minneapolis Police Band is the oldest, continuously running police band in the United States and, having been formed in 1917, is celebrating its centennial in 2017; and

WHEREAS: The Minneapolis Police Band was formed to further improve relations between the Minneapolis Police Department and the communities it serves, playing multiple engagements every year, including parks, parades, police ceremonies, and senior communities; and

WHEREAS: The Minneapolis Police Band marched in the first Armistice Day Parade in 1919 and has led every Minneapolis Aquatennial Parade since the first one in 1940; and

WHEREAS: The Minneapolis Police Band members are committed to serving as Goodwill Ambassadors of the Minneapolis Police Department, and membership is open to everyone, including police officers, retired police officers, and civilians; and

WHEREAS: Partnerships between law enforcement and the community often result in greater understanding, higher quality of life, and peace; and

WHEREAS: The Minneapolis Police Band looks forward to its next 100 years of serving the community and making the world a better place, through music.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 10-16, 2017, as:

## MINNEAPOLIS POLICE BAND WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR

  
LT. GOVERNOR